

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4313
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TRACK MACHINES
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether inspite of having sufficient quantity of track machines, railways procured 39 more track machines during 2002-03 increasing financial burden on already strained budget of Indian Railways;
- (b) if so, whether the cost of operation and maintenance of track machines has increased by 45.27 per cent during 1998-2002;
- (c) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether the Government propose to enquire the matter;
- (e) if so, the details in this regard; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a) : No, Sir. Sufficient number of track machines are not available on Indian Railway. The gross requirement of track machines based on the Master Plan of procurement of machine prepared in 2002-03 is 806 nos. (Excluding Rail-Cum-Road Vehicles) out of which there were 285 machines on Indian Railways as on 1.4.2002. During 2002-03, 19 machines (Other than Rail-Cum-Road Vehicles) were procured on Indian Railways.
- (b) to (f) : Do not arise.